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SUBJECT: COSTA GOMEZ VISIT TO PARIS

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1. QUAI DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS DE LABOULAYE TOLD DCM MAY 7 THAT PORTUGUESE PRESIDENT COSTA GOMEZ' VISIT TO FRANCE JUNE 3-4 (REFTEL) WOULD PROVIDE AN OCCASION TO DISCUSS CLOSER FRANCO/PORTUGUESE RELATIONS. DURING THE VISIT THEY WOULD DISCUSS A CULTURAL AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT. IN ADDITION, THE FRENCH WOULD EXPLORE WITH COSTA GOMEZ ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN PORTUGAL AND THE EC-NINE, A SUBJECT ON WHICH THE GOF HAS BEEN SILENT TO DATE. LABOULAYE SAID THAT FRANCE WOULD NOT "DEFINE ITS POSITION" UNTIL AFTER THE COSTA GOMEZ VISIT.

2. DE LABOULAYE SAID FRENCH HAD LEARNED THAT THE PORTUGUESE WOULD BE REPRESENTED AT THE NATO MEETING BY THEIR PRIME MINISTER NOT THE PRESIDENT. DE LABOULAYE THOUGHT THIS COULD CAUSE PROBLEMS FOR NATO BECAUSE OF VASCO DOS SANTOS ALLEGED COMMUNIST CONNECTIONS.

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